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Art Unit : 1761
Examiner : Unknown

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed October 2, 2001, applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of claims 1, 3 to 13, and 25 to 30. The election is made with traverse, because the remaining claims in Groups II and III depend from claims in Group I, and are therefore closely related to the claims in Group I. Thus, applicant submits that searching all claims together would present no undue burden on the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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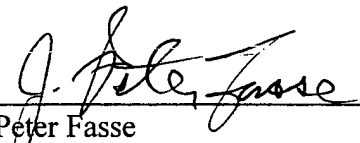
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